**The ABC of Ecology**

No living thing or group of living things can live and grow in isolation. All organisms, both plants and animals, need energy to develop and all species of living things influence on others.

Ecology is a science. It studies how plants, animals and other living things live in relation to each other and to their environment. People have always studied living things in their natural environment, in other words, they have always studied the air, the water, the soil and the other things that surround a person, animal or plant.

 The environment can influence the growth and health of living things. Ecologists also study what happens to different species. They collect information about their population number, diet, form, size and behaviour. Ecology is one of the most important sciences nowadays. It teaches us how to survive in the modern world.